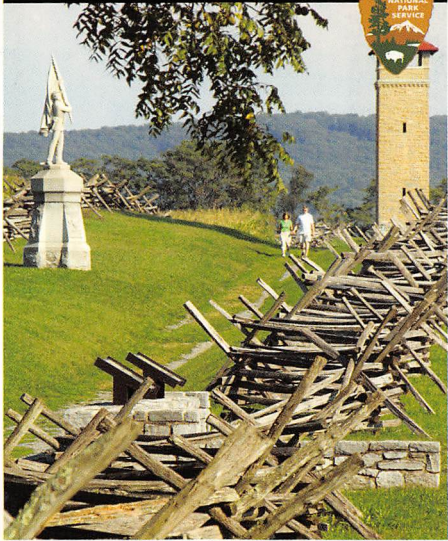


Antietam National Battlefield



Bloody Lane



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Fact: The tower at the end of bloody lane was built by the War Department in 1896 to study the battle lines.

In the farm road now known as Bloody Lane, outnumbered Confederate soldiers held off the attacks of Union forces for nearly three hours. There were thousands of casualties on both sides. One observer wrote the dead “were lying...in heaps like cordwood mingled with the splintered and shattered fence rails.”